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 $1. \ \ MEETING\ EVENING\ OF\ JANUARY\ 10\ CALLED\ TO\ COMEMORATE\ TWELTH$ ANNIVERSARY OF "TRITURA" (ZFI TUNTUTAN RAKYAT,

THE PEOPLE'S

THREE DEMANDS) OFTCJBPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF NORTH SUMATRA (USKSL ENDED IN VICTORY FOR SECURITY FORCES. STUDENTS WERE DENIED ENTRANCE TO STUDENT UNVN BUILDING BUT ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE TO HEAR SPEECH BY NELSON PARAPAT, A LEADER OF STUDENT MOVEMENT IN MID-60'S. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT PARAPAT'S SPEECH WAS RATHER MILD IN TONE, HOWEVER, PLACARDS WAVED BY THE STUDENTS WERE SOMEWHAT MOGG STRIDENT. SLOGANS INCLUDED, "NO MILITARY MAN FOR RECTOR" (THE PRESENT RECTOR, HARRY SUWONDO, IS A BRIGADIER GENERAL AND IT IS LIKELYHHHAT HIS SUCCESSOR WILL ALSO BE FROM ABRI), "THE PEOPLE DRINK PLAIN TEA, PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES DRINK BEER", "FREEDOM OF SPEECH ON CAMPUS? NONSENSE*", AND "SOLDIERS STAY OFF CAMPUS".

2. STUDENTS BECAVX UNRULY WHEN DENIED PERMISSION TO PARADE ON CAMQES.IOTHEY HAD UYSO PLANNED TO HEAR SPEECH BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STUDENT LEADER VISITING FROM JAKARTA AND TO MARCH TO MONUMENT OF GENERAL YANI IN DOWNTOWN MEDAN.;, COMMANDER OF SECURITY FORCES TOLD STUDENTS THAT NO "OUTSIDERS" WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK AT USU AND CHILLED STUDENTS' ARDOR FORHKARCH DOWNTOWN BY STATING THAT ANY WHO LEFT CAMPUS WOULD BE SHOT.

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